Black Awareness Month
DAYTON, Ohio, February 11, 1981 -- What are the special pressures faced by American black families? What are the inequalities faced by blacks in the criminal justice system? What are the special contributions blacks have made to American culture? Those are the questions to be explored during Black Awareness Month at the University of Dayton.

Dr. Bobby Wright will highlight the month's events with a workshop on "The State of the Black Family," on Saturday, February 28 at 10 a.m. in the Kennedy Union. Wright is director of the Garfield Park Comprehensive Community Health Center, the largest minority-operated mental health center in the country. According to Wright, "Our black family structure has been attacked by white America throughout history." He identifies the struggle of the black people as a struggle of the mind, and cites such trends as the rising activity of the Ku Klux Klan and the killing of children in Atlanta as only part of the problem. Wright's greatest concern is to educate blacks about the more subtle ways in which white America oppresses the black family, such as the media's daily portrayal of blacks in subordinate positions, and the unequal treatment of black men by the criminal justice system.

In conjunction with Black Awareness Month, the University is sponsoring a one credit mini course entitled, "Minorities and the Criminal Justice System." Speakers for the remaining sessions include Tyree Broomfield of the Dayton Police Department (February 18), William Johnson (February 25), and Dr. Robert Perry of Bowling Green.
State University (March 4). Sessions meet Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and are open to the public.

Other events for Black Awareness Month include the film, South Africa Today, with speaker Nozipo Glenn on Tuesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. in O'Reilly Hall; and a "Student Talent Show" Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in Boll Theatre.